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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
FROM: Chief, Okinawa Bureau
SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - March 1988

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I. GENERAL

A. Early in March, Japan and the U.S. signed a protocol which will allow Tokyo to pay all allowances of Japanese workers on U.S. bases in Japan. The agreement has yet to be approved by the Japanese Diet and will probably be enacted in phases when approved. ✓

Under the current five-year special agreement which went into effect June 1987, Japan pays up to one-half of the cost of eight different allowances paid to MLC employees. The new accord paves the way for Japan to pay the full cost of the allowances such as transportation, housing, and retirement pay. The bureau expects little, if any relief for this fiscal year, but the FY 89 outlook is more hopeful.

B. The usual uneventful evening commute from bureau to home was enlivened for bureau employees on 29 and 30 March when a rally and protest demonstration by the rightist Dai Nippon Ishinto (Japan Restoration Party) was held on the roads around Yomitan Village. The slow moving caravan of buses and vans equipped with loudspeakers blaring patriotic songs and speeches slowed traffic considerably. The demonstrators were protesting the actions of a Yomitan villager who burned the Japanese flag at the National Athletic meet.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The major event for the Chinese unit this month was the opening of the First Session of the Seventh National People's Congress. In anticipation of this, the bureau adjusted staffing schedules to respond quickly to major speeches. Early in the month, we began filing material on preparations for the coming sessions, including a 28-take namelist of delegates to the session. Beijing Radio announced it was expanding its morning newscast to focus on the NPC and CPPCC proceedings. XINHUA also increased its transmissions, often running its newscasts continuously, without signing off between casts.

The NPC opened as scheduled at 0655 GMT on 25 March. The opening ceremony was carried live by Beijing radio and television. We coordinated splitting the processing of Acting Premier Li Peng's government work report with Hong Kong so that the translation would be filed in time for inclusion in that day's Daily Report. In addition to the FYI's, editorial reports and live speech by Li Peng, we also filed 38 XINHUA English reports on Li's speech.

Processing since then has included numerous reports of speeches on the economy, on restructuring, and on several press conferences. The session is expected to close on 13 April.

2. Another violent anti-Chinese demonstration occurred in Tibet this month, less than 6 months after the last such incident. The bureau filed the first report on the incident from XINHUA which carried a brief account of a disturbance in the last paragraph of an item. This disturbance erupted on 5 March, the last day of an annual religious festival, when a number of monks suddenly started chanting nationalist slogans. Street battles between demonstrators and Chinese police followed and a number of deaths and injuries were reported.

3. On 11 March all units became involved in covering the death of Vietnamese Premier Pham Hung. In addition to filing a report from Hanoi Cantonese, which is not on regular coverage, comparisons were done from Hanoi English, Japanese, and Russian casts which were also not on regular coverage..

4. Our ads for Chinese linguists in the Taipei and Manila newspapers have brought 53 applications from Taiwan and 20 so far from the Philippines. In previous years it was normal to receive several hundred responses from Taiwan. However, despite the relative small number of responses, the ratio of good applicants is higher than previous years. A recruiting trip to Taiwan is planned for late April.

5. Editorial trainees, [redacted] completed their training on 24 March and departed the next day. The dual editorial training sessions continued with the arrival of [redacted] on 30 March.

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B. Cruising

1. The PRC launched a new communications satellite this month which is located at 87.5 degrees east. PRC news agency ZHONGGUO TONGXUN SHE reported that eventually all television transmissions, now located on 66E Intelsat, will be moved to this satellite. Presently two telemetry signals are observed. The bureau began observing them on 24 March.

2. During Acting Premier Li Peng's speech to the NPC opening session, the Beijing International service operated a powerful mediumwave transmitter on 1251 kHz to carry an English translation of the speech. Indications were the transmitter was located in Shanghai. The English version was also carried on 1296 kHz which carries the Shanghai City Service Fifth Program. Unfortunately reception deteriorated by mid-speech.

3. Moscow International Service began its spring/summer program and frequency changes on 27 March. Four hours of Mandarin programming (1500-1900 GMT) were dropped and all of the Shanghai dialect programming (1 1/2 hours) was discontinued. Three Cantonese programs were expanded by a 1/2 hour while two other 1/2 hour programs were dropped. Other USSR radio and television stations also switched to summer time as well as Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English and Russian.

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4. Local cruiser [] completed reformatting all computer stored cruising schedule and frequency change messages during the month. These messages are now saved with a LAN banner with the specific routing indicators for each message. Staff cruiser [] also completed a 60-page SOP for the cruising unit detailing many of the cruising duties that are unique to Okinawa.

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C. Technical

1. The beverage antenna renovation project has come to a halt due to lack of essential parts. These parts are needed for installing the guy wires on the poles. The Air Force antenna maintenance crew used old and make-shift parts to install the guy wires on the poles of the completed 305 degree beverage antenna. The antenna crew has replaced eight poles on the 287 degree antenna but has installed no guy wires. Headquarters has been able to procure some of the parts, now due for arrival in Okinawa in late April. The bureau has found a local supplier for the rest, though the cost is high.

2. The contractor has started work on replacing the rhombic antenna poles. Work will remain on schedule if parts arrive by the end of April.

3. In anticipation of the typhoon season, a means for holding the RAMSAT dish antenna in stow position was designed by two local technicians. The system, using steel pipes and clamps, was built by the engineering staff and installed at minimal cost to the bureau. The system can be removed during normal weather conditions and re-installed during a typhoon threat in less than five minutes.

4. The bureau radio net was installed during the month. The primary base is at the bureau with a secondary base at the motor pool. Four mobile radios were installed in bureau vehicles and hand-held radios distributed to designated personnel.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Teletypist [] was promoted from trainee to journeyman status effective 1 March.

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2. Editorial trainees, [] completed their TDY and departed 25 March and new trainees [] arrived 30 March.

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B. Buildings and Grounds

1. One more Phase I unit in the housing recapitalization program was turned over to the bureau for occupancy during the month. It is now occupied. The remaining unit is due for completion by 4 April. Phase I will then be completed.

A design review of the GSWK house for Phase II of the housing recapitalization project was conducted. Based on what we have learned from Phase I several modifications are required.

2. The communications room was completely renovated by bureau staff. Renovation included removing the old wall tiles, carpeting, and wood trim and installing dry wall and a drop ceiling. The air conditioning ducts were extended, walls painted and new carpet tiles laid.

IV. VISITORS

To The Bureau:

Lt.Col. Jerry Berry, U.S. Army, and Robert L. Rogers, GSA, for consultations on the housing recap program on 2 March; Brigadier General Arthur William, commander of Pacific Ocean Division, Army Corp of Engineers, Lt.Col. Berry and Lt. Bluhorn visited the bureau for discussions and a tour, 15 March; Mr. Washington, ASOSI, on 15 March for discussions; Chuck Gibson and Guy A.E. Graf, DODSPECREP, and Dr. O. Van Kuntén and Dr. William W. Cooley, visiting specialists, for orientation tour and discussions, 18 March; and Al Budris, 10th ASG, Plans and Operations, U.S. Army to discuss support for the army microwave tower across the street from the bureau on 22 March; George Tan, PanAsia and Captain Spinelli, Army Corp of Engineers, on 30 March to review designs for the GSWK housing renovation project.

From The Bureau:

Deputy bureau chief [] and admin officer []
[] attended a course on personnel management of MLC
employees, 15-18 March; [] on 17 March to attend a Health
Consumers Advisory Council meeting for the Kadena Clinic; and
Bureau Chief [] TDY'ed on 25 March at Hong Kong Bureau
and 4 April at Bangkok while on R&R travel

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V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Editorial trainee editor [] completed his
training TDY by assisting the Kadena Falcons rugby team to its
first ever undefeated season. The rugby team is off to
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio in May where they will compete against
the world's top military rugby teams. In furthering
FBIS/military relations, Allen will join the Kadena Falconers in
their quest for the title.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Production Report

OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MARCH 1988

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1,169,870
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE:	629,170
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	3,541

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	21,675 min.	17,385 min.	175.79 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh SPK in
English

CHINA

Beijing International Service to E. and S. Africa in English	---
Beijing International Service to North America in English	780
Beijing International Service in Japanese	850
Beijing International Service in Mandarin	1,090
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	1,360
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	3,080
Shanghai Voice of Pujang to Taiwan in Mandarin	740
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	33,880
Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in Mandarin	1,360
Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	1,260
Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in Mandarin	1,690
Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in Mandarin	3,810
Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	1,670
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	3,070

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Beijing Television Service in Mandarin	1,970		
Beijing XINHUA in English		622,280	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		182,190	
Beijing BEIJING REVIEW in English			---
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			17,730
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in Chinese			5,230
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			22,020
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			770
Shanghai JIEFANG RIBAO in Chinese			1,330
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			1,200
Miscellaneous Editorial Reports	1,770		
JAPAN			
Naha Radio NHK in Japanese	210		
Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	3,350		
Tokyo JLI in English		1,470	
Tokyo JPS in English		1,560	
Tokyo KYODO in English		110,530	
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			---
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			950
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			2,790
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			11,060
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			7,210
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English			680

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Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			6,480
Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			2,300
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			7,530
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			850
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			8,830
Tokyo JAPAN TIMES in English			4,700
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			700
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			4,010
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang KCNA in English		---	
LAOS			
Vientiane KPL in English		---	
MONGOLIA			
Ulaanbaatar International Service in English	2,420		
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		2,360	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		4,820	
TAIWAN			
Taipei International Service in English	9,720		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	1,210		
Taipei CNA in English		18,960	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			13,920
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			1,330

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Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			1,840
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	7,260		
Moscow International Service in Mandarin	7,390		
Moscow to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	---		
Moscow RPP to Asian-Pacific Region in Mandarin	1,520		
Moscow Television Service in Russian	8,730		
VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Cantonese	690		
Hanoi International Service in English	100		
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	1,260		
Hanoi VNA in English			---